

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In the case of an IC card having a decoding key  
for decoding data and an encoding key for encoding the  
data which are generated inside or set by an external  
5 unit, when a key takeout instruction for taking out the  
decoding key and encoding key in the IC card to an  
external unit is input, the decoding key and encoding  
key are encoded by a plurality of other keys set in the  
IC card and then transmitted to an external unit.

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